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Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed April 19,

2001, Applicants file herewith the following documents relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements;
- (2) Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney;
- (3) Assignment Recordation Cover and Executed Assignment
- (4) A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the surcharge (\$130) and assignment recordation fee (\$40).

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Respectfully submitted,

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PIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO. **9/7**87.667 **9/7**87667 ARIAS **33764**R003 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 5611 PCT/BR99/00079 000441 SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP SUITE 800 1850 M STREET - N.W., I.A. FILINO DATE PRIORITY DATE WASHINGTON DC 20036 09/21/9 04/19/01 NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495): Office as Indication of Small Entity Status. U.S. Basic National Fee. Translation of the international application into English. Copy of the international application. Oath or Declaration of inventors(s). Translation of Article 19 amendments into English Copy of Article 19 amendments. Priority Document. The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any. Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English. 2. Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or the indicated items in paragraph 3 below. The Basic National Fee and the copy of the international application must be filed prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. copy of the international application. U.S. Basic National Fee. 3. The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371: a. Translation of the application into English. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date. The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation. b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), properly identifying the application (preferably by the International application number and international filing date). A surcharge will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the

5. Applicant has not submitted the required sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. See attached PCT/DO/EO/920.

priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

4. Additional claim fees of \$

due (37 CFR 1.492(g)). See attached PTO-875.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 3(a)-3(d), 4 AND 5 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 OR 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR